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Hotel Guest Sights Sasquatch Crossing Hot Springs Road

The Sasquatch has finally come to Harrison Hot Springs. With hundreds of sightings reported in the 13 years since Harrison first proposed its Centennial Sasquatch hunt, the village's claim to be "The Land of the Sasquatch" was beginning to look a bit thin.

Last Thursday night, however, Keith Shepard, of Vancouver, a guest at The Harrison, reported that while driving to the hotel shortly before 9 p.m. he had to slam on his brakes to avoid hitting a figure walking on the Hot Springs Road just south of the Pines Motel.

He thought at first it was a man, then that it must be a gorilla. When he came to a stop a few feet from it, however, he realized that it was far too tall for a gorilla.

Questioned in detail by Jim McClarin, a Sasquatch researcher from California who was visiting at the John Green home, Mr. Shepard said the creature was covered all over with dark hair except for the face, which was dark and extremely wrinkled.

He estimated the height at eight feet and said it was extrem-

ely heavily built. It did not attempt to get out of the way, but turned and looked at the car briefly before it "ambled" on across the road.

Shocked by the near collision, Mr. Shepard did not watch where it went.

He started the car again, then stopped beside the lighted Pines Motel sign until his nerves settled.

He said that the creature was already on the road when he first saw it, and walked off to the west.

He told of his experience immediately on arriving at the hotel, and could find no one to believe him, however he eventually impressed many people, including his wife, by the way he stuck to his story.

The part of the road where he reported seeing the creature is recognized to be an animal crossing, where cougars are occasionally seen.

THE ADVANCE,
AGASSIZ, B.C.,
CANADA,
April 9, 1970
(Credit : John Hall)



We are informed by Rene Dahinden that Dr. G. Clifford Carl, Director of the B.C. Museum, died on or about the 2nd. or 3rd. of April. Dr. Carl wrote the foreword to John Green's book On The Track of the Sasquatch.

LATEST NEWS REGARDING "JACKO"

JOHN GREEN, Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., Canada, writes (April 7, 1970) : "Grover Krantz has had a letter from a game guide at Clinton, B.C. named Chilco Choate saying that his grandfather, who was a judge at Yale, saw Jacko, and that he was shipped east by rail in a crate accompanied by his keeper, who planned to open a sideshow in England with him, and neither was ever heard from again in Yale. He says his father or his grandfather said they presumed the thing died in transit and was probably thrown overboard. His father told him his grandfather called it an 'ape' ".

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"These creatures, if they are alive, today, must be on the very verge of extinction. Surely they merit as much attention as the Whooping Crane ?" --Bruce Wright, Director, Northeastern Wildlife Station, in his "Sasquatchery - To Date !", THE ATLANTIC ADVOCATE, October 1969. (Quoted with permission of Mr. Wright.)

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

RENE DAHINDEN, 734 Sidaway Road, Richmond, B.C., Canada, writes (April 16, 1970) : "I think I will spend a few months up the coast this summer around the Bella Coola - Kitimat area in the high country. Nobody has ever spent any time in the mountains there. If I can find about four guys to go along I will be in there this summer. They would have to have all their own equipment and be willing to be out about two to three months. It is a rough area and full of Grizzly bears and it is a hell of a long way from noplac. Before anyone decides he wants to come he had better be sure he really wants to be out there. I hope to be able to fly in (I will pay for this myself) as this will save lots of backpacking right at the beginning."

JACK E. SULLIVAN, 15316 S.E. East Street, Milwaukie, Oregon 97222, writes (April 26, 1970) : "Anyone planning a summer expedition in search of an unknown animal, especially anyone wishing assistance, please contact me."

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

STRANGE CREATURES FROM TIME AND SPACE by John Keel, Fawcett Gold Medal Book, 1970, Fawcett Publications, Inc. Greenwich, Conn., 75¢.

STRANGE ABOMINABLE SNOWMEN by Warren Smith, Popular Library, N.Y., 1970, 60¢.

MEN Magazine, May 1970, "I Stalked the Mysterious Ape Man of Nyasaland" by Tom Christopher. (Credit : Loren Coleman)

NATIONAL ENQUIRER, May 3, 1970, "New Evidence Convinces Investigators That Giant Ape-like Creature Roams Western U.S. and Canada" by Roger Langley. (Credit : Lucius Farish)

OUTDOOR ILLINOIS, "Strange Creatures" by Lowell A. Dearing. (Credit : Loren E. Coleman)

WEYERHAEUSER WORLD, February 1970, "Is There A Sasquatch In The House ?" A rehash of old reports. This magazine is edited by Norm Nelson Jr., Weyerhaeuser Company, Tacoma, Washington 98401, and "Published for employees". (Credit : William Elliott).

KLAM-ITY KOURIER, Willow Creek, California, published the second installment of Ray Wallace's letter on April 8, 1970 and the final installment on April 22, 1970.

ABSM ACTIVITY IN THE SOUTHWEST

by LOREN E. COLEMAN

"For the last decade, some detailed accounts of ABSM-like beings have emanated from the American Southwest. A brief survey of the ones of note follows :

1) June 9, 1960. East of Globe, Arizona. An unidentified woman, but personal friend of the Lorenzens, saw a small, broad-shouldered, long-armed figure in the headlights of her car. It appeared to have no nose, mouth, or eyes on its pumpkin-like head, but two yellowish-orange, glowing eyes were visible. (See Coral and Jim Lorenzen's Flying Saucer Occupants, Signet, 1967, pages 128-129.)

2) Fall 1965. North of Winslow, Arizona. Roger Heath saw what he first thought was a man charred from an auto wreck crawling from a wash onto the road. He soon realized it would have had to have been 'an awfully small man with long arms'. He described it as being about three feet tall, shiny black-like fur, he thought - without apparent ears, and having a roundish 'harmless looking face'. It departed with a kind of hop, scrambling with its hands. The only facial detail he clearly recalled was a reddish, half-moon area over the eyes. (Personal correspondence).

3) October 1966. South Valley Section of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Members of the McGuire family had encounters with a 'monster' said to be five feet tall, hairy, and the owner of a featureless face, and baby-cry call. 'Fork-shaped' footprints were reported to have been found once. Police received over one hundred calls on the 'monster' at one point during the mid-month peak week. (Albuquerque Journal and Tribune for Oct. 14-23, 1966).

4) Early January, 1970. Near Zuni, New Mexico. Four Gallup youths, Clifford Heronemus, Robert Davis, Carl Martinez, and David Chiaramonte saw a five foot seven inches tall, 'kinda' hairy thing with two legs' pace their car which was going about 45 miles an hour. 'Someone finally got the gun out and shot it. I know it got hit and it fell down - but there was no blood. It got up again and ran off. I know it couldn't be a person because people cannot move that fast,' stated Heronemus. (Gallup Independent, January 29, 1970.)

These reports are of even greater importance if juxtaposed with the area's Navaho folklore. The belief in Yee Naaldlooshii, 'those who trot about with it' ('it' being a wolf skin) is widespread among the Navaho, and their neighbors, the Hopi. Further details on this folklore can be found in William Morgan's 'Human Wolves Among the Navaho', Yale Univ. Pubs. in Anth., Vol. XI, 1936. It is quite apparent that the lycanthropy of the Southwest could refer to the activities of ABSMs in that area."

RECENT EXPEDITIONS OR RECONNAISSANCE TRIPS

WARREN THOMPSON, Redwood City, California, writes (April 5, 1970): "Have just returned again from Oroville, Butte County, California, where JOHN KILLEEN and I spent March 26-29 investigating the same area as before. Our New Year's trip turned up nothing and this time we learned that there had been no Bigfoot activity up there since the end of last year with the exception of some small tracks which were said to have been found about 6 to 8 weeks ago. We did not hear or see anything while we were there to indicate the possible presence of Bigfoot in the area. There is no fruit in season up there yet and that presumably is the reason that Bigfoot may have migrated (?) to another area. If that is so, we are hoping they will return within the next few months when the food does."

JAMES EAGER JR., Concord, California, writes (March 28, 1970) : "I thought I'd wait until I got back from my trip to the southern Yolla Bolly area before writing. ROBERT WHEATLEY, a teacher, and I camped where the road ended because of snow about 1½ miles below Ball Mountain for two days. This is an area directly south of South Yolla Bolly Mt. We hiked up the road with no traces of Bigfoot seen. The next day we climbed down into a canyon that no roads entered. No evidence there either, although it would be an ideal winter range for Bigfoot. Deer, squirrels and other animals and birds were in great abundance. I don't believe snow reached this area ; but if so, only lightly. We plan to go further north this summer."

JACK E. SULLIVAN, Milwaukie, Oregon, writes (April 26, 1970) : "Concerning my March excursion into the Mt. St. Helens (Washington) area, I found nothing that would be helpful to us, however, I did get to know the country better and I certainly plan additional trips to the area to look more deeply into things."

DR. BERNARD NORTHRUP of the Baptist Seminary of San Francisco, together with two students, BILL ELLIOTT and JACK WILCOX and two non-students, ROGER LEATHERS and BUTCH WILSON, made an extensive reconnaissance of the upper Bluff Creek country and of the area to the east and north around Rock Butte and Lonesome Ridge in northern California, during the period from March 20 to March 25. They found no signs of Bigfoot. They report many deer and bear tracks in the rapidly melting snow on all the high ridges. Their own tracks in the melting snow disappeared within 4 or 5 hours.

KEN COON, Palmdale, California, together with LOU ZANINOVITCH and BILL EARLY, made several week-end excursions to the Oroville, California, area recently. On one occasion they report finding "fresh and unmistakable Bigfoot evidence" : two sets of tracks. Mr. Coon adds "We were not even equipped with a tape measure but my guess is that the tracks measured fifteen by five and one half inches for the big ones and nine by four inches for the small ones." He says "We all came away convinced the tracks were genuine. Anyone wishing more particulars as to location should let me know and I will draw a map." Ken Coon, 39047 Juniper Tree, Palmdale, California 93550.



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RECENT CHANGES OF ADDRESSES

JIM McCLARIN, P.O. Box 512, Willow Creek, California 95573.

BEN E. FOSTER JR., General Delivery, Hayfork, California 96041.

BOB BETTS, 4416 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

Are we being infiltrated ? The "Vacations" section of the Oakland Tribune, Oakland, California, for April 26, 1970, had an article titled "The Incredible Panorama of Neighboring British Columbia" by Barry Broadfoot !

MEN AND APES by Ramona and Desmond Morris, Bantam Books Inc., N.Y., 1968, \$1.25. We mention this book because it is still in print in the paperback edition and should be of interest to all Bigfoot hunters.

ARCHIE BUCKLEY of San Leandro, California, DELMAS BUCKLEY of Livermore and JIM WHALIN of Santa Rosa, will spend the week between May 9th and May 16th in an extensive reconnaissance of the northern sections of the MIDDLE EEL YOLLA BOLLY WILDERNESS AREA in the Trinity and Mendocino National Forests looking for Bigfoot signs. They will particularly look for indications of a migration route since many researchers believe the creatures spend the summer in Bluff Creek and the winter in the Yolla Bolly area, migrating down that "chute" east of South Fork Mountain. They would have to cross the "rim" at the headwaters of the South Fork of the Trinity River.